CITY AND INTER-MET. COME TO A TRIENDLY AGREEMENT.

Provided the Franchise Rights Are Saved the Raffroad Will Clear Amsterdam Avenue and Other Streets of the Rusting Rails-Some East Side Changes.

The unused car tracks on Amsterdam venue are to be removed at last. Theodore . Shonts, the new president of the Interorough-Metropolitan company, and Paul D. Cravath and Harry D. Macdona of the Inter-Met interests had a conference on Tuesday with Corporation Counsel Ellison and the Rev. Dr. Peters and Charles De Hart Brower, who represented the West Side associations. Mr. Shonts said that he would be willing to tear up the tracks at ace if some steps were taken by the city to recognize the right of the company to the franchises on Amsterdam avenue and on other streets from which tracks now in disuse might be pulled up. He suggested that the bill which was sent to the Legislature two or three years ago directing the city officials to remove the tracks should be reintroduced, but with the change that the passage of the bill should not wipe out the company's own rship of the franchise.

The representatives of the West Side organizations and Mr. Ellison thought that this was a reasonable proposal and agreed to it. They told Mr. Shonts that their only aim was to abate the nuisance of the empty tracks and there was no desire to rob the company of any franchises be-

to rob the company of any franchises belonging to it.

"The result of the agreement reached at the conference yesterday," said Mr. Shoats, "will be the clearing of Amsterdam avenue and other thoroughfares of surplus and discontinued car tracks. All that I asked for was that our franchises should not be taken from us because of the tearing up of the rails. There will be nothing in the bill validating any franchises which may be defective. It will merely provide that if in the future the needs of traffic should require the operation of the roads now out of service the company shall be allowed to relay the tracks under conditions which will be acceptable to the Board of Estimate or the Rapid Transit Commission, or if the public utilities bill passes, to the commission which will be appointed under that act. It is apparent that we could not that act. It is apparent that we could not consent to take up the tracks without some protection to our interests. For instance, protection to our interests. For instance, securities have been issued on the strength of the franchises held in the case of some of these lines, and while we will go on paying the interest on the securities it would be unfair to the stockholders to agree to any caucelling of the franchises. Again in the case of some other properties we have merely leased them and it is not in our power to an extermination of those roads."

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There are about twenty-five miles of disused car tracks in this city, most of them
being short old horse car lines in the lower part of the city over which one car a day is run in order to keep the franchises alive The tracks on Amsterdam avenue which will now go stretch from Seventy-second street to 129th street.

EAST SIDERS SEE SHONTS AND VREELAND Julius Blumberg, Gregory Weinstein, Jacob Fishman and Louis Pink, a committee from the East Side Civic Club, called upon Theodore P. Shonts and H. H. Vreeland in Mr. Shonts's office yesterday and told them about things that could be fixed in East Side traffic conditions.

The only crosstown electric line in all the section between Brooklyn Bridge; and

ection between Brooklyn Bridge Fourteenth street is on Grand street. all the other lines are so poky and so dirty, the committee explained, that everybody has been trying to ride by way of Grand street. So, although the company is using all the cars it can, they are overcrowded at all hours. Mr. Shonts told his visitors that contracts were already let for the electrification of the Canal street line, but the work would take time.

The committee suggested several other things and Mr. Shonts and Mr. Vreeland promised to examine the East Side Civic promised to examine the hast State Club's plans and do what they could.

AS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner Lantry Makes His Annual Report to the Mayor.

Fire Commissioner Lantry sent his annual report to Mayor McClellan yesterday and gave some interesting information about the work of the fire fighters.

In the last year there there were 12,182 fires in the city, but the firemen were called out 1.375 times when there was no fire to subdue. There are now 3,805 officers and men in the department, with 150 fire engines. The Commissioner says that the rapidly growing city badly needs more men and

There is now perfect harmony between the Fire Department and the Police Department, where before friction existed. The new relations followed a conference between the Fire Commissioner, Police Commissioner Bingham and Fire Chief Croker. The Street Cleaning Department, the Health Board and the Tenement House Department are cooperating with the Five Department for fire protection.

Mr. Lantry says that the Mayor's plat form of more time off for the men has been carried out to the great satisfaction of the

Two new fireboats are to be added to

Two new fireboats are to be added to the present fleet this summer. They are to be the finest fire fighting machines affoat. For the first time in the history of fireboats turbines are to be used for power. Fire Marshal Seery's report was also submitted, giving statistics about the fires and their causes. The Fire Marshal reported that in the year the total loss of property amounted to \$5,678.691. The lineurance was \$122,279,295. There were thirty-five persons arrested for arson; six were convicted in the courts.

"I must also call attention to the lax methods of some insurance agents in the way of issuing policies," he says. "No attempt is made to investigate the property of the applicant for insurance, and we find several persons in the same apartment holding policies. This is an incentive to arson."

Pittsburg Firm Gets Aqueduct Contract. The Board of Water Supply has awarded the contract for the construction of the ten mile section of the new squeduct running north from the Hill View reservoir to the Thomas McNally Contracting Company of Pittaburg. This firm was the lowest bidder, nt \$4.12 000. The award was made at a meeting yesterday after the reports of the experts sent to investigate the financial standing of the company and the extent of its plant were read and were found to be

Sand on Silppery Streets.

Mayor McCleilan has notified the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals that he will approve the Prentice bill, to empower the Street Cleaning Department sand as well as clear the streets in winter

R. Fulton Cutting's Tuxedo Villa Damaged by Fire.

TUXEDO, PARK, N. Y., March 27 .- The large Cutting villa at Tuxedo Park, owned by R. Fulton Cutting of New York, who ids the greater part of the year here, was damaged by fire to-day to the amount of several thousand dollars. The fire started in the attic and before it was ex-tinguished the greater part of the roof was burned off. All the contents of the villa were saved by the firemen with little dam age to the costly tapestries, rugs, oil paintings, &c. The ceilings of the villa were completely destroyed by water.

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DISUSED CAR TRACKS ARE TO GO | HELD FOR A TRAIN HOLDUP. | PIPES STOLEN AFTER A FIRE. New Jersey Sheriff and Posse Capture Five Tramps-Freight Engineer Beaten.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., March 27.-Headed by Sheriff Judson K. Gunn of Sussex county a posse of farmers rounded up early this morning five tramps who had held up a freight train near Huntsville, badly beaten the engineer and robbed a couple of buildings in Andover. The tramps were found in a barn near Cranberry Lake. They had guns and threatened to open fire upon the Sheriff and his followers, but didn't after they saw that the old muzzle loaders in the hands of the farmers were pointing straight at them. The prisoners were marched over the roads to the Sussex ounty jail and locked up.

The train which was held up was running on the Lehigh and Hudson Railroad. An air brake had broken and the engineer, George Schaeffer of Phillipsburg, had been running his train to Huntsville to make the necessary repairs. While the train was going along slowly the hoboes jumped on the engine and ordered Schaeffer to stop. At first the engineer laughed at them, but was soon dragged down from his seat in the cab and beaten. Crawling to the lever Schaeffer stopped the engine, at the same time calling to the train crew. They came tumbling into the cab and the hoboes fled. Schaeffer sank into unconsciousness and it s feared that he is injured seriously.

News of the holdup spread among the neighboring towns and reached the ears of Sheriff Gunn. When ready to start for Huntsville word came to his office that five men had been seen in Andover and that a jewelry store had been broken open and \$35 taken from the cash drawer.

The Sheriff started for Andover. On his way he formed a posse and on reaching the country village started in sleuthing. He traced the men to the Fulboan Creamery. Nothing had been disturbed there except a few bottles of milk.

The Sheriff and his posse went toward Cranberry Lake and were held up by Farmer Benjamin D. Totten, who said that five men had just run in his barn. Then the Sheriff pulled the place.

HAVANA STREET CAR FIGHT. Ayuntamiento Urges Plan to Compete With

Existing Fleetrie System Special Cable Despatch to THE STN. HAVANA, March 27.-The Ayuntamiento by a vote of 11 to 5 has decided to recommend a rival plan for a system of street railways in Havana as opposed to the proposition of the Havana Electric Railway Company, which is applying for the right to extend its present system

The matter will now go to the Department of Public Works, which will decide between the two proposals. The Havana Electric claims the right to occupy any

street in Havana under its concession Those opposing the granting of any new concession hold that the object of those seeking one is not to build a rival line but to sell out to the existing company.

METCALF'S PORTO RICAN VISIT. Natives Dissatisfied Because He Ind Not Meet Them,

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN SAN JUAN, March 27 .- Secretary of the Navy Metcalf spent yesterday sightseeing: Gov. Winthrop took him and his party in automobiles out on the military road. The risitors left on the Dolphin last night.

Mr. Metcalf was not presented to the public during his visit. On this account his visit, like that of some other distinguished tourists, will be of no-benefit to the tsland and the natives are much dissatisfied,

WOMAN KNEW HIS WRITING. Alleged Blackmaller Held-Tried to Com-

mit Suicide From Ferryboat

Blagg stree Brooklyn; pleaded guilty of attempted blackmail in the Morrisania police court yesterday and was held for trial under

Mrs. Julia Strauss, who lives at 524 Morris evenue, The Bronx, got a letter last week. written in red ink, with skull and Black Hand decorations, telling her she mus walk up Morris avenue on Saturday and give \$900 to a man who would meet her and call her by name.

Advised by the police, Mrs. Strauss took

Advised by the police, Mrs. Strauss took \$300 in stage money and walked up the avenue, but "T. A. F." didn't appear. On Monday there came another threatening letter, which, she told the detectives, she thought had been penned by Hartmann, whose handwriting she had seen. They found him in a woodworking factory in Brooklyn. He jumped from the window to a lumber pile and was caught as he was about to leap from a dock into Newtown Creek. Later, the detectives said in court. Later, the detectives said in court he tried to jump from a Twenty-third street ferryboat and to throw himself upon the rails at a Third avenue elevated station In Hartmann's home was found a letter casting off his daughter, Julia, because she had become a Catholic.

The word "revenge," dyed with blood, the detectives said, was cut in the handle of a knife taken from his pocket.

BODY SAVED FROM FIRE.

Mother Tried to Beat Out the Flames -Policeman Came in and Rescued Casket. Mrs. Ellen Farrell sat early yesterday morning at the head of a casket which contained the remains of her four-year-old daughter Nora at 168 Fourth avenue Brooklyn. There were several friends in

the room. One diosovered that the lace

ourtains were burning, having come into contact with the lighted candles. The friends rushed from the room. Mrs. Farrell jumped up and tried to beat out the flames with her hands. She tore the curtains and threw them on the floor. They set fire to the covering on the casket Patrolman James Murray rushed into the house and carried Mrs. Farrell out. He then returned to the room, seized the casket and bore it to Patrick McGuire's saloon down stairs. Mrs. Farrell's hands were slightly burned. The firemen put out the fire after it had destroyed nearly everything

ASK FOR REMOVAL OF TRACKS. Taxpayers' Suit to Improve Condition of

Atlantic Ave. in Brooklyn. Francis Gattsberger, as a taxpayer, asked Supreme Court Justice Crane of Brooklyn vesterday for a mandamus to compel Borough President Coler to remove the surface tracks on Atlantic avenue between Fifth and Vanderbilt avenues. His counsel said the Atlantic avenue improvement act The Long Island Railroad Company, through Gen. George W. Wingate, said the tracks were geeded until the improvements were completed. Decision was re-

For Better Transit.

The Retail Dry Goods Association of this city, which last week adopted a report emphasizing the pressing necessity for improved rapid transit facilities, have invited a number of civic organizations to a conference to be held in the near future

to consider the rapid transit situation. to consider the rapid transit situation.

The Retail Dry Goods Association is composed of department stores of this city and Brooklyn. These places are visited daily by three-quarters of a million to a million persons. The purpose of the conference is to consider the situation from the standpoint of this large constituency, and in their report above referred to they call especial attention to the need to they call especial attention to the need of immediate action on the part of the authorities to relieve the present uncom-fortable, not to say dangerous, conditions rtable, not to say dangerous, conditions urban travel.

MERCHANT GETS OVER NEXT DAY TO FIND HIS SHOP LOOTED.

Meerschaums Left for Repairs, Amber Goods and a Travelling Case Load of Samples Gone From 47 Ann Street -Detectives Sent to Find Who Got Them

John J. Robinson, a dealer in amber and a manufacturer of meerschaum pipes at 47 Ann street, reported to Police Inspector McLaughlin yesterday that his place had been looted on Tuesday night, when there was a fire in the building. As near as he could tell between \$700 and \$800 worth of new and old pipes had been stolen.

Mr. Robinson's shop and office are on the fifth floor of the building. The fire was discovered about 10:45 by the janitor in the printing establishment of Gerard & Co. on the fourth floor directly beneath the premises of Robinson. With the regular firemen came Patrol No. 1, whose headquarters are in Murray street. The patrol s in the employ of the New York Board of Underwriters and the force under Capt. Cornwell spread through the building, their business being to protect as much of the stock as possible in the various shops and offices. In an effort to trace the flames from below along a feed pipe the doors of Robinson's shop and office were broken The fire, however, was entirely confined to the fourth floor and the damage there was about \$5,000; A member of the

the building all night. the building all night.

Mr. Robinson, who lives in New Jersey, did not hear of the fire until he came to business at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. He found the front door of his place nailed up with cleats and the lock on the door broken. When he got in he missed at once several valuable meerschaum pipes that had been left with him for repairs. Then he looked around and discovered that a large number of new pipes with Then he looked around and discovered that a large number of new pipes with amber stems had vanished. Some of these pipes were unfit for use because they were not finished, but the materials in them were quite valuable. Mr. Robinson was preparing to go on the road next week and had notified a number of his customers. The trip, he said, will now have to be postponed for all the handsome samples he had had prepared were stolen from their case.

Mr. Robinson questioned the janitor, who, told him that he had not remained in the building (where he lived with his

patrol named Martin, was detailed to guard

who, told him that he had not remained in the building (where he lived with his family on the second floor), but that he had got out at the orders of the firemen and found quarters across the street.

When Mr. Robinson reported the matter to the detective bureau he said he had no idea who had located his place. Later no idea who had looted his place. Later he was inclined to believe that the job was

done either by firemen or members of the patrol. Capt Cornwall admitted that some of his men had entered Robinson's place of his men had entered Robinson's place and that Martins had been stationed in the building all night. Another of his men was stationed there yesterday. When told that the janitor had not remained in the building after the fire was out, and that only his man was left, he declared that the janitor had not been put out and that he and his family occupied their old quarters for the night.

Inspector McLaughlin put four sleuths on the case, and after they had talked with Robinson two of them went over to Murray street to interview Capt. Cornwall.

Murray street to interview Capt. Cornwall

P. H. FLYNN CORESPONDENT. Former Brooklyn Rahroad Magnate I

Involved in the Meht Divorce Case. Supreme Court Justice Crane in Brooklyn has confirmed the report of the referee who found in favor of the plaintiff in the suit of Louis H. Meht against Lena M. Meht for an absolute divorce and the interlocutory degree has been filed in the County

Clerk's office. Patrick H. Flynn, who was formerly active in Republican politics in Brooklyh and president of the old Nassau Electric Railroad Company, in which he was associated with Tom and Al Johnson and the late Senator Michael J. Coffey, was the corespondent in the case Mr. Meht was a confidential clerk in the

Nassau Electric Company. He was married to the defendant more than twenty years ago, but they had been separated for more than ten years. For several years Mr. Flynn has been living in a handsome residence on a large farm near Livingston Manor, Sullivan county, and Mrs. Meht has been a member of his household. Two domestics, who have long been in Mr. Flynn's employment, testified that so far as they could observe the relations between Mr. Flynn and Mrs. Meht were of the most tween a father and a daughter. They had only seen Mrs. Meht once in Mr. Flynn's bedroom, and that was during a serious attack of illness when she acted as his

unsel for the plaintiff, however, contended that all the facts justified the assumption of improper relations. It is expected that Mrs. Meht may oppose the

making of the interlocutory decree final, SILK HOUSES PLUNDERED.

Thieves Get Away With \$12,000 Worth of Loot Under an Arc Light.

Burglars got into the eight story building at 29 West Fifteenth street, which is occupied by silk merchants and cloak manufacturers, yesterday and got off with \$12,000 worth of goods. An are light illuminated the front of the place and the crooks had to bundle their plunder onto a truck, but the robbery wasn't discovered until the day watchman opened up the building at

A number of employees in the building worked late on Tuesday night, and it is believed that the last man out forgot to look the outer door. The three establishments that were broken into evidently caused the crooks some trouble. In two instances they had to cut a pane of glass in the transom in order to unlock the door

and one place had to be jimmied.

H. Waid & Bro., manufacturers of cloaks and suits, on the second floor, lose \$8,000 worth of goods, including 200 silk jackets and a number of women's suits. The Weiner Cloak and Suit Company, on the eighth floor, reported that \$4,000 worth of goods had been stolen from their establishment but it is believed that their lose. ment, but it is believed that their loss will be much greater, as they were unable yes-terday to make a full inventory of the

stock left.
The loft of M. Toff & Co., manufacturers of trimmings, was entered and several thousand dollars worth of stuff packed up, but it is believed that before the burglars had time to carry the plunder to the truck they were frightened off. Nothing had been taken from the place.

To Extend Eight Hour Day Fight. The machinists of New York and vicinity who have voted to make a general eight hour demand this spring, decided yesterday to bring pressure to bear on the other metal shop trades to unite in the demand. These include the boilermakers, coppersmiths blacksmiths, fron moulders, pattern makers and ship caukers. The machinists will meet next week to fix the date when the demand goes into effect. The employers have been informally notified that the demand will be made and will be officially notified when the date is fixed

Fined for Storing Dynamite Illegally. The firm of Beliman & Sanford was fined \$25 yesterday by Judge James W. McCarthy in the Second Criminal Court, Jersey City for storing twenty-five pounds of dynamite without a permit under a manure pile in Waverly street near a shaft of the new Lackawanna railroad tunnel. Mr. Bellman said that when an application for a permit was made at fire headquarters in January a representative of the firm was told that no blanks were on hand, consequently no blanks were on hand, consequently no permit could be granted.

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WRECKERS DERAIL P. R. R. TRAIN keystone Limited Smashed Up Some -Both Tracks Tampered With

PITTSBURG, March 27 .- The fast Key stone Limited on the Pennsylvania Railroad, known as train No. 30, was derailed at 3:25 this morning one and a half miles east of Wilmerding. Several trainmen were

The fish plates had been removed, together with the spikes, at a rail connection and the rail pushed inward by some person for whom the railroad detectives have been searching.

The pony trucks of the locomotive struck the projecting corner of the rail which had been tampered with and leaped the track, ploughed along for nearly 100 yards, tearing up the rails, ties and roadbed. Two mail cars, a combination oar and a sleeper also plunged off the track and sank almost up to the body of the cars in the slag.

Engineer Poorbaugh and Fireman Johnson had narrow escapes. They received severe bruises on their shoulders, heads and

The wrecking was evidently done by the persons who derailed the Chicago Limited at Stewart station last Friday morning. The same plan was carried out and only the slow speed of the 'rain, thirty miles an hour, saved it from turning turtle.

Both the eastbound and westbound 'racks were tampered with, one rail joint on each track being displaced within a few rods of each other. The wrecked train was the first division of the Keystone Limited, running between Chicago and New York, and left Pittsburg about fifteen minutes before the wreck.

efore the wreck.
PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—Following the PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—Following the malicious derailment of the Chicago Express last week and the Keystone Express this morning, the Pennsylvania Railroad has offered \$5,500 reward for the arrest and conviction of the wreckers. The notice was issued this afternoon from General Manager Atterbury's office. It says that \$2,500 will be paid to any one furnishing evidence resulting in apprehension and conviction of those concerned in the derailment at Stewart station on March 23, \$2,500 for the same information as to the \$2,500 for the same information as to the attempt at Wilmerding station to-day, and for any definite information which will enable the company to trace out the guilty persons \$500 reward

NOT WORRIED BY FORAKER. Taft Head Boomer Says There's No Doub of Ohio's Decision

CINCINNATI, March 27.-State Insurance Commissioner Vorys paid a visit to-day to Cincinnati and Charles P. Taft. His coming was in connection with the work recently undertaken by him of sounding Ohio sentiment for Secretary Taft. Late in the day this statement was issued by Mr. Vorys:

"I came here to-day to see Mr. Charles P. Taft. He has a lot of letters and information from people who want Secretary Taft nominated, and I wanted to look them over.

"Senator Foraker's statement raises no issue, for there is nothing the Taft people would welcome as heartily as a fair, squar 0 chance for the Republicans of Ohio to express their choice for President. Indeed, is now their chief aim, and the evi dences are overwhelming that there would be substantial unanimity in the choice of

George B. Cox returned to-day from a business trip to New York. He was interviewed regarding the Taft-Foraker situation What do you think of the wisdom of

starting a Taft boom at this time \*Don't know. Haven't read the papers or a week. Think it's too early, anyhow, to talk about Presidents. "Have you found the sentiment among the people you have met in the East in

favor of any one candidate? "Haven't thought of the matter." Will you personally take a stand in favor of either Foraker or Taft?"

re is no occasion for a decision at Former Governor McCorkle of West Virginia and W. E. Chilton, a prominent lawyer of Charleston while in Cincinnati on Tuesday said that Taft was the leading candidate among the Republicans of their State for the Presidency

FRANK THOMSON SCHOLARSHIPS.

To Provide Technical Education for the Sons of P. R. R. Employees. PHILADELPHIA March 27 - The hoard of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad at its meeting to-day accepted the offer of Anne Thomson, Frank Graham Thomson and Clarke Thomson to give \$120,000 for the establishment of what is to be known as the Frank Thomson scholarships. It is the desire of the persons who establish the trust to afford to "sons of living or deceased employees of all the lines of the

deceased employees of all the lines of the railroad an opportunity for a technical education, so as better to enable them to qualify themselves for employment by the company."

The fund has been deposited with the Fidelity Trust Company as trustee. Competitive examinations are to be held for the schools with the company in selection. the scholarships. The company in selecting boys for the scholarships is permitted to take into consideration not only the stand-

ngs of the candidates, but also the physical and moral qualifications. After passing the examination held by the company every successful candidate must qualify for admission to one of the technical schools or colleges approved by the company before he is eligible to receive the scholarship.

Beginning this year two scholarships, ach of \$600, are to be filled. Two are to be added to the list each year, and ultimately it is expected eight men will be kept college by the gift.

TOOK FIRE BADGE FROM HIM. Lyman Tried to Ride on a Shield Tha t Didn't Belong to Him.

Lemuel Lyman, an insurance broker of 135 East Seventy-eighth street, who has an office at 58 Pine street, got into trouble yesterday when he went up on the City Hall station of the elevated railroad. He showed a shield instead of dropping a icket in the box.

The ticket chopper called a policeman who took a look at the badge and found it was made out for an assistant inspector of the Bureau of Combustibles. Th liceman took the man to the City Hall police station and there he said he was willing to explain matters to Fire Com missioner Lantry.

When he reached the office of the Fire

Commissioner it was learned that the shield was one used by Inspector William Hervey of the Brooklyn Bureau of Combustibles, who died three months ago. Mr. Lyman said he found the shield on the street two weeks ago.
The Fire Commissioner confiscated it, and learning that the insurance man had

obtained a fire line badge in the usual way revoked the permit for that also. Mr. Lyman was taken to the Yorkville police court, but as no one made a com-plaint against him Magistrate Cornell dis-

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It is these facts that make this a different kind of a piano store—a store in which PRICES are based on actual COST, rather than on the ability of the salesmen to inflate values Piano stores having no fixed prices cannot, of course, announce a price increase, for the reason that the very basis of their creed is to get as much as possible for each piano sold, regardless of

its real value or cost It matters not whether the customer pays all cash down or \$10 cash and \$6 monthly, there is only one price-tag on the piano to consider.

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It will be just like receiving a handsome discount on the price; and we wouldn't be a party to the advance in price if we didn't believe them to be BETTER PIANOS AT THEIR FUTURE HIGHER PRICES than any other instruments on the market.

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JAB AT SHOE MACHINE TRUST.

Aimed at Monopoly to Go Before Massachusetts Legislature. BOSTON March 27.-The Legislative committee on Judiciary will report to-morrow a bill the purpose of which is to break the monopoly of the United Shoe Machinery Company. The committee considered six measures similar to the one adopted, and by a vote of 11 to 5 decided to report that drawn by ex-Attorney-General Parker.

It provides that in the sale or lease of shoe machinery there shall be no clause prohibiting the leasing or purchase of shoe machinery made by any other concern. A fine of not more than \$5,000 is the penalty for violation of the law, and all monopolistic sales and leases of such machinery will be void after the enactment of the bill. The morrow and a bitter fight is anticipated before the bill is passed or killed by the

RAILROAD MEN PLEAD

With Illinois Legislators Against Passing Proposed Drastic Measures.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 27 .- Railroad officials voiced their opposition to pending legislation at a hearing to-day before a joint meeting of the Senate and House Committee on Railroads.

President Winchell of the Rock Island system spoke in general terms of the prosperity that has marked the last few years and of the part the railroads have contributed. He was the only speaker of the afternoon who touched upon the administration bill providing for control by the State Railroad and Warehouse Commission of the issuing of stocks and bonds by railroad corporations.

David Willard, second vice-president of the Chicago. Burlington and Quincy Railroad; W. J. Jackson, general manager of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois; and J. M. Daly, superintendent of transportation of the Illin ois Central, also spoke.

Brooklyn Church's Fortleth Anniversary. The Memorial Presbyterian Church in Seventh avenue and St. John's place, Brooklyn, will to-day begin a week's celebration of the fortieth anniversary of its organiza-tion. Of the thirty-four charter members only two survive, James Cruikshank, who has been one of the elders from the start, and Mrs. Ithamar Dubois.

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Woman Never Railled-Grafting Failed to Save Burned Child. OTTAWA, March 27 .- A sacrifice made to save her niece's life will probably result in the death of Mrs. Faichney of Brockville, Ontario. Her niece was badly burned at Buffalo, N. Y. It was decided that the only possible chance of saving her life was

by skin grafting. Mrs. Faichney then had taken from her body several pieces of skin and these were grafted on the young patient, the child. however, dying. Mrs. Faichney never recovered from the shock of the operation. Relatives have been summoned to go to

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